



# Chariho Regional School District

CHARIHO REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**All Kids. All of the Time.**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Have you ever heard of the **summer reading slide**? It is estimated that the summer reading slide accounts for about 80% of the gap in reading achievement by 9th grade. Summer break is blamed for students losing anywhere from one to three months of instruction. This can add up over the years, leaving students far behind where they should be. So, what can you do to prevent this from happening to your child? **Encourage your child to read!** Studies have shown that students who are encouraged to pick a book that will challenge and interest them will beat the summer slide and continue to make gains in their education. Try these tips:

- Visit the public library for free access to a variety of books and ebooks.
- Ask your child to tell you about what they are reading. What connections do they have to the text?
- Encourage your child to read out loud to you.
- Read out loud to your child. Studies have shown that even older students still enjoy being read to!

**Encourage your child to read and they will return to school more confident in their reading skills, more motivated to read beyond what is required, and more excited about reading!**

Chariho Middle School requires your child to read 2 books over the summer. Book recommendations are attached, but **students are encouraged to read any book that matches their interests and challenges them!** Students must complete a book project for each book to receive credit for summer reading. Students should bring projects in on the first day of school. Project options and criteria can be found on the CMS library summer reading page:  
<https://guides.rilinkschools.org/charihomiddleschool/summerreading>.

Students who successfully complete two summer reading projects will attend a grade level celebration at the end of September. Your assistance is crucial in supporting academic rigor and achievement at Chariho Middle School. Your time and effort in helping your child complete their summer reading requirements are appreciated. Thank you in advance for making the summer reading program a success!

Sincerely,

MaryBeth Florenz  
Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning

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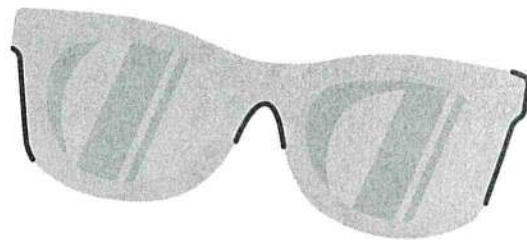
# SUMMER READING

AT CHARIHO MIDDLE SCHOOL

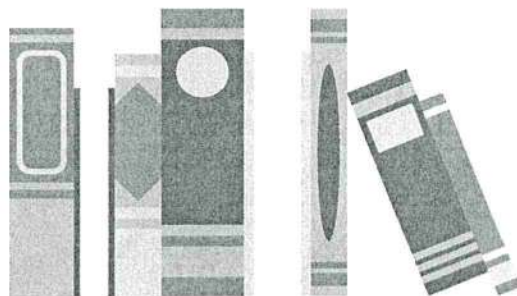


## Fast Facts

- Students must read TWO books
  - Any book at the student's reading level can be chosen
  - Students must complete TWO book projects, due on the first day of school
  - Project options and criteria are available on the CMS library website
- Ebook options are available on the CMS library website
  - For more information, go to the CMS library summer reading page at: <https://guides.rilinkschools.org/chariho/middleschool/summerreading>



HAPPY READING







## 2022 RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS

***Anti/Hero*** by Kate Karyus Quinn and Demitria Lunetta  
Grades 4+ Piper Pájaro is thirteen years old and strong, as in board-breaking strong. Match her up with thirteen-year-old smart, as in wicked supercomputer smart, Sloane MacBrute and see what happens as they team up to steal a technological device. Graphic Novel.

***Clean Getaway*** by Nic Stone Grades 4+ How could Scoobs say no to Grandma's RV adventure when he's grounded for Spring Break? Right? Wrong. He quickly finds out that he might have made the wrong decision when his G'ma doesn't answer his Dad's email, avoids answering his questions, and keeps changing the license plate. Realistic Fiction.

***Fauja Singh Keeps Going: The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon*** by Simran Jeet Singh Grades 3+ Meet 100-year-old Sikh, marathon runner Fauja Singh. With determination and persistence he overcomes obstacles to achieve his goals. Biography.

***Feed Your Mind: A Story of August Wilson*** by Jen Bryant Grades 3+ August Wilson grew up to be a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright who gave voice to everyday Black Americans. But as a child in school he faced prejudice from students and teachers. Luckily his first trip to the library with his mother opened his world to books and reading. Biography.

***From the Desk of Zoe Washington*** by Janae Marks Grades 3+ Zoe Washington is psyched to start her internship at the local pastry shop. Psyched until she gets a birthday card from her real dad, who's in prison. Torn between wanting a relationship with her Dad and maintaining her current family life, Zoe finds herself on the road of self discovery. Realistic Fiction.

***I Am Every Good Thing*** by Derrick Barnes Grades 3+ A beautifully illustrated and empowering picture book in which a Black boy takes us on a journey of self-discovery and obstacles while encouraging every kid to celebrate what makes them unique. Picture Book.

***The List of Things That Will Not Change*** by Rebecca Stead Grades 4+ Bea keeps a notebook of the things that will not change after her parents' divorce, including the most important thing: that mom and dad will always love her. With her father's wedding to Jesse coming up, Bea is excited to get a new sister. Realistic Fiction.

***The Lonely Heart of Maybelle Lane*** by Kate O'Shaughnessy Grades 3+ Eleven-year-old Maybelle is on her way to Nashville with the hopes of performing in a singing competition to meet her father, a DJ who will be judging the competition. Realistic Fiction.

***Measuring Up*** by Lily LaMotte Grades 3+ When Cici moves from Taiwan to the US, she misses her grandmother terribly. In order to get her grandmother A-Ma to visit, she enters a junior chef competition to raise money for a plane ticket. There is only one problem: Cici only knows how to cook Taiwanese food. Graphic Novel.

***Midnight at the Barclay Hotel*** by Fleur T. Bradley Grades 3+ When ghost-loving JJ convinces his mother to accept her invitation to a weekend at the all-inclusive Barclay Hotel, he hopes to see a real ghost. Instead he finds himself in the middle of a real murder mystery! Mystery.

***The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read*** by Rita Lorraine Hubbard Grades 3+ A picture book biography about the

inspiring life of Mary Walker who learned to read at the age of 116. Mary faced many hardships in her long life but she never gave up on her dream of learning how to read. Nonfiction Picture Book.

***On These Magic Shores*** by Yamile Saied Mendez Grades 4+ Minerva is trying out for her middle school's production of *Peter Pan* when her mother goes missing. Minerva must find out what has happened to her mother, and she is now responsible for taking care of her two younger sisters. But it seems like a little bit of magic is helping Minerva along the way! Fantasy.

***Packs: Strength in Numbers*** by Hannah Salyer Grades 3+ Did you know an animal might live in a pod, an army, or a pack? This picture book shows how animal groupings not only have different names, but they also serve to help the animals work together as a team to take care of each other and survive. Nonfiction Picture Book.

***A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart*** by Zetta Elliott Grades 3+

A poem expressing a child's emotions as he deals with a tragedy in his neighborhood. The young boy experiences many different feelings throughout the year, including joy and hope in himself and his community. Poetry Picture Book.

***Saucy*** by Cynthia Kadohata Grades 3+ Becca has three brothers who all have something they excel at, but Becca is still searching for something she is good at when she finds a sick piglet. Becca knows she is meant to take care of Saucy. But as Saucy becomes bigger, it looks like Becca might not get to keep the pig forever. Realistic Fiction.

***Shirley & Jamila Save Their Summer*** by Gillian Goerz Grades 3+ When ten-year-olds Shirley and Jamila meet, Jamila is simply hoping for a friend in her new neighborhood, but Shirley is a detective and together they seek a missing gecko. Graphic Novel.

***Some Places More Than Others*** by Renee Watson Grades 4+ Amara visits her father's family in Harlem for her twelfth birthday, hoping to better understand her family and herself, but New York City is not what she expected. Realistic Fiction

***Stand Up, Yumi Chung*** by Jessica Kim Grades 4+ When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part. Fiction.

***Were I Not A Girl*** by Lisa Robinson Grades 3+ A picture book biography that tells the story of Dr. James Barry, born female, who lived as a man from age 18 to his death. Biography

***Willa and the Whale*** by Chad Morris Grades 4+ Twelve-year-old Willa, grieving the loss of her mother, a renowned marine biologist, discovers she can talk to whales. Fiction.

Rhode Island Children's Book Award



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